

April 15, 2008

Dear Inspector:

There are Rental Weatherization code changes effective, May 1, 2008 as follows:

- General – Reorganizes and renumbers the code for logical and clarity purposes.
- Comm 67.02(1) - Clarifies that a dwelling unit that is not owner-occupied is subject to the code unless otherwise exempted.
- Comm 67.02(2)(g) - Excludes qualified historic buildings, as defined under s. 101.121, Stats., are excluded from COMM 67. Form SBD-7728 shall be filed with the Department showing the building complies with the historic building requirements. When the verification form is received a Satisfaction of Compliance will be issued by the Department.
- Comm 67.06(previous) - Removed the option to file an exemption from a weatherization measure based on more than a five year cost payback.
- Comm 67.06(2)(a)3. Requires inspectors to forward a copy of issued Certificates of Compliance within 15 business days after certification of the building.
- Comm 67.06(2)(b)2. & 67.06(4)(a)3. – Clarify that an owner may comply with the Rental Weatherization standards in effect at the time of taking out a Stipulation or when having the building certified.
- Comm 67.11(1)(c) – Allows box sills to be insulated with foam plastic insulation with a thermal barrier covering.
- Comm 2.35 - Increases the cost of Certification Stamps from \$20 to \$30.00, plus handling fees. Forms will continue to cost \$6.00 per 25 pack, plus handling fees.
- Comm 2.35 – Deletes the \$50 fee for authorizing Stipulations and Waivers.

You may obtain view or print the full text of new code starting May 1 by going to <http://commerce.wi.gov/sb/sb-DivCodesListing.html> You may purchase printed copies of the new code by contacting WI Document Sales at 800-362-7253.

As part of our ongoing monitoring efforts, S&B has permanently revoked two Rental Weatherization Inspector certifications. One case is awaiting a court date for prosecution in Milwaukee County for alleged felony charges. The other case is going to a Department of Commerce appeal hearing. S&B urges all inspectors to fully comply with applicable requirements and to inform us of other inspectors who are not fully complying. S&B will not tolerate “drive-by” inspections; incomplete inspections; untimely submittal of Certificates of Compliance to the Department, and other negligent actions by inspectors. We are receiving more complaints from property owners and competing inspectors, which we will fully prosecute. So please be aware of your responsibilities as a credentialed Rental Weatherization Inspector under Comm. 5 and Comm. 67.

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